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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 29 and 31 October 1993, there appear to have been four flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 28 October 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 944.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(29-31 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
969 970	29 Oct.	1320	1324	An UNPROFOR aircraft made visual contact with two white helicopters 25 kilometres west of Sarajevo. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft soon made radar and visual contact on these two helicopters in the same vicinity. A few minutes later, the NATO fighter aircraft lost all contacts for operational reasons. The unauthorized flights of these helicopters occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Unknown 5,000 feet
971	29 Oct.	1559	1622	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 35 kilometres south-west of Zenica. A few minutes later NATO fighter aircraft made radar and visual contact with a grey MI-8 helicopter. Warnings were issued but ignored. Shortly afterwards, the fighter aircraft lost all contact for operational reasons, 20 kilometres south-west of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred on the border between the areas controlled by Bosnian Croats and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Very slow 7,500 feet
972	30 Oct.	1620	1631	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 45 kilometres south-east of Udbina. A few minutes later it crossed the "no-fly zone" border 15 kilometres north-east of Udbina in Sector South of the United Nations protected areas (UNPAs). NATO fighter aircraft did not investigate for operational reasons. AWACS lost radar contact 10 kilometres east of Udbina. The unauthorized flight was observed over an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and flew into the UNPAs.	Various Unknown Very low
				[31 Oct.: no violation reported]	

Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(28 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
968	28 Oct.	0615	0636	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 40 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. Before NATO fighters could investigate, the radar contact was lost 45 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats	West Slow Low